

**Saint's Birthplace**  
Actual place of birth of St. Patrick is unknown. The birthplace has been named variously as Scotland, England, Wales and even France. It is probable that he was born at Kilpatrick near Dumbarton, Scotland, in 387 or 389 A. D., the son of Calpornius, a Briton.

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### SAVE LABOR BY PLANNING CHORES

Chore planning is one way to cut time and labor, according to B. R. Bookout, specialist in farm management at Michigan State college.

One Michigan farmer with 12 cows analyzed his chores, planned them, and put the plan into effect. Figures showed that planning the chores saved 25 minutes and 688 steps in one day. When these savings are taken over a period of one year, they amount to 16 days or 119 miles.

**Safety Tip**  
A good safety tip is to paint the bottom basement step white to make it easier to find.

### Combat-Wounded Vets May Still Reenlist

Colonel Walter C. Cole, Commanding Officer of the Michigan Recruiting District, today announced that the War Department has extended the deadline for the reenlistment of combat-wounded veterans to March 31, 1947.

Surveys completed by the War Department indicate that the Combat-Wounded veterans re-enlisted to date have done an excellent job in their Army assignments, and as a group rate a "superior" for their accomplishments.

Colonel Cole pointed out that there are many technical jobs in the Army that can be filled as well by a man who has lost an arm or leg as by a man physically qualified for general military service. In order to be enlisted, it is not necessary that the Combat-Wounded veteran be experienced in the job for which he is to be enlisted, but merely that he be trainable for one of over 100 Army specialist jobs.

Veterans re-enlisting will be re-enlisted in the grade held at the time of discharge from active service. Former Officers, Warrant Officers, and Flight Officers will be re-enlisted in the first grade, as Master Sergeants.

### WASHINGTON DIGEST

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per and came out completely, if not too convincingly, against Lillenthal.

About that time the Roper poll revealed the percentage of preference for various Republican potential candidates, against Truman. And lo, all the rest, Dewey, Vandenberg, Stassen, Bricker, led Taft.

"That doesn't mean that Taft will be last in the hearts of the delegates to the Republican national convention in 1948, but wisecracks are saying it does mean that Taft no longer will call the turn on legislation."

### CRACK 'IRON CURTAIN' WITH SHORT WAVE

If there is much more evidence of the cracking of the so-called "iron curtain," the impression may get about soon that it is a pretty porous protection of the secrets of the Soviets.

Recently I was walking the corridors of the state department with one of its officials. "How long," I asked him, "do you expect the Kremlin to permit you people and the British, with your American and British propaganda magazines and pamphlets and your broadcasts, to poison Ivan and his To-varishes, with this western poison?"

"Oh," he replied, "they won't stop us."

"Why not?" I inquired. "They can't," was his answer. British Broadcasting company has been beaming broadcasts on Russia to Russia in the Russian language for a year or more. BBC reports that the programs have been well-received and that the effort is worth while. The state department began its broadcasts last month. Some of its officials believe that it is worth the millions it will cost to continue them. The first program had few listeners; it was criticized. It is being tailored according to listener comment. There is no way for the Russians to know about the programs, since notice of them, except by announcement over BBC, appears in no Russian paper.

How is it the Russians permit it at all? And even if they don't put obstacles in the way, will the Russians listen? Are there enough radio sets with short-wave receivers to make up a worth while potential audience?

These are the questions I asked. I'll try to give some of the answers. As to the Russian attitude, it seems negative. When the British first talked about broadcasting to Russia, a Russian official is reported to have said: "We have tried to co-operate with you. You have your kind of democracy. You believe in freedom of speech. So we have co-operated with you by sending you broadcasts in English from Russia. We have our kind of democracy. We do not believe in

freedom of speech. So we hope you will cooperate with our kind of democracy by NOT broadcasting to us."


If that wasn't actually said, it ought to have been. It is too good to be untrue.

The British did not cooperate. Neither did 11 other countries, including Ecuador, which, along with the United States, are all now beaming their programs on Russia. I don't know about the others, but the British seem to have quite a

following and since the Russian people are more interested in America than in any other country, I see no reason why the state department's effort shouldn't be quite as successful.

What are the chances? In the best place, radio listening has been developed in Russia. People are encouraged to have sets and they are short-wave sets because short-wave is the communication method used by the Russian government. That's because of the

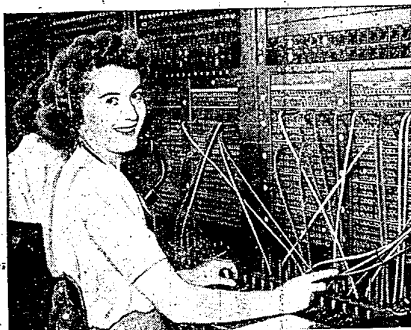
great distance. How many have sets? When Averill Harriman was there he made an estimate of 75,000 sets. A later estimate put the figure as 75,000 to a million. According to the Russian five-year plan the goal is 325,000 for the first year. We know that the Russians seized all the radio sets they could in territory they occupied; also the government returned all sets seized from Russian citizens during the war.



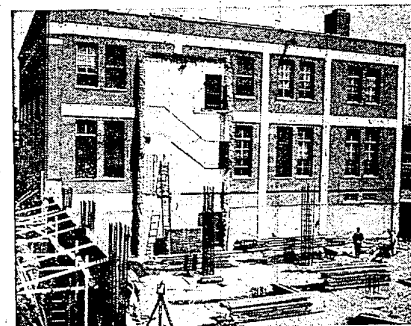
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# Michigan Bell Reports on 1946

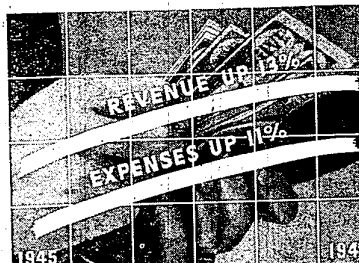
During 1946, Michigan Bell installed more telephones, served more telephones and handled more calls per telephone than ever before. Total revenue was larger, too. But so were expenses. Earnings on investment were more than in 1945. But in the second six months, due to rising costs, earnings were on a downward trend.



**ABOUT CALLS**—On the average business day there were 7,304,000 local calls, and 197,000 long distance calls. . . increases of 22% and 23% respectively over 1945. Although at times some calls were delayed by insufficient facilities, telephone people gave more good service than ever before in history.



**ABOUT CONSTRUCTION**—\$36,000,000 worth of buildings and equipment were added. This investment, all-time high for one year, would have been much greater but for continuing shortages of materials. Increasing demands for service and higher labor and material costs have raised the estimate for our 5-year post-war construction program to \$220,000,000.



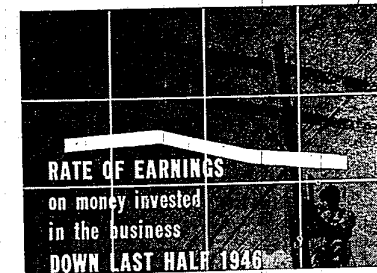
**ABOUT REVENUE AND EXPENSES**—We took in more money than ever before—\$91,000,000, or 13% more than 1945. But expenses also increased. Operating payrolls were up 39% for the year. Total expenses, excluding taxes, were 25% over 1945. The cost of giving service, including taxes, was \$79,000,000—an increase of 11% over 1945. Revenues in 1946 include \$3,500,000 subject to refund to customers if the pending rate reduction order of the Michigan Public Service Commission is upheld by the court.



**ABOUT TELEPHONES**—Michigan Bell installed 34,000 telephones a month, double 1945. A net gain of 204,000 telephones brought the total in service to a record high of 1,378,000. However, it was necessary to give party-line service to many thousands who would have preferred individual lines. And 65,000 others were waiting for telephones at year's end.



**ABOUT JOBS**—Michigan Bell's force rose 6,000 to more than 22,000 people, about one-third of whom had less than a year's experience. Nearly half of all Michigan Bell men were returned veterans of World War II. Wage adjustments, made early in 1946, amount to \$8,461,000 a year. Payrolls totaled \$54,445,000, up 50% over 1945.



**ABOUT EARNINGS**—Earnings for the year were \$12,000,000, or 7.2 cents on each dollar invested in the business. If the Public Service Commission's rate reduction order is upheld, 1946 earnings will drop to 5.9 cents, insufficient, we believe, to attract the new capital needed for expansion and improvement. As it was, during the last half of the year, rising costs sent the earnings rate on a downward trend, which pointed to the possibility that higher rates might become necessary to assure financial stability of the business.

**THE PROSPECTS**—Our objectives in 1947 are to provide as quickly as possible: 1. Enough telephone plant to take care of all unfiled orders for service and to care for future demands; 2. Facilities to furnish promptly the type of service the customer desires; 3. Improvements in local and long distance service; and 4. Extension and improvement of rural service.

Present indications are that shortages of needed materials will

continue to handicap us in 1947. But, we expect by year's end to have filled most requests for service and to have made progress in further improving the quality of service.


Telephone men and women turned in a record-breaking performance in 1946, and we have confidence that in 1947 they again will surpass all previous accomplishments and give to Michigan continuing telephone service of the very highest order.

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